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NEWS RELEASE

Utah's flood victims offered more time to file state taxes

In an effort to help citizens to rebuild their lives and communities after the disastrous flooding in Southwestern Utah, Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. is working with the Utah State Tax Commission to offer tax assistance to those who have suffered loss or destruction of property. Penalties and interest for late filing will be waived for a period of up to 60 days for flood victims that may need extra time to gather or replace missing records.

Governor Huntsman officially declared a State of Emergency for Washington County after witnessing the devastation when he toured the area. "Families had their entire lives turned upside down when their homes and property were damaged or washed away," said Governor Huntsman. "These people should be given the chance to replace important documents needed for tax filing without penalty."

In order to qualify for assistance, individuals and businesses must have, as of January 11th, 2005, lived or operated a business in Washington County or neighboring areas, and suffered substantial loss or destruction of property as a result of the flooding.

Eligible residents and businesses required to file state income, sales, fuels or withholding tax returns for the period between January 11 and April 15, 2005 now have up to 60 days from the original tax filing due date to file without penalty or interest.

Qualifying individuals and businesses do not have to file any special form. Instead, they must simply write in bold, red letters, "WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD" across the top of their payment check, return, or report at the time it is filed. The Utah State Tax Commission will process their tax account accordingly. If the Commission inadvertently issues a bill, taxpayers should write "WASHINGTON COUNTY FLOOD" in bold, red letters and return the billing.

For tax forms and additional information, visit www.tax.utah.gov.

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